

# ELDT Entry-Level Driver Training



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## Entry-Level Driver Training Requirements for CDL Applicants

The new Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT) regulations require that all entry-level drivers of commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) receive training from a provider listed on [FMCSA's Training Provider Registry](#).

**Beginning February 7, 2022**, to be eligible to take required skills or knowledge tests, commercial driver's license (CDL) applicants must have completed applicable entry-level driver training from a registered training provider.

Use the scenario chart below to determine if you are required to complete entry-level driver training.

### If ➤ Then

A driver holds a CLP that was issued before February 7, 2022...

The driver is not required to complete entry-level driver training, as long as the driver obtains a CDL before the CLP expires.

A driver was issued a CDL or an S, P, or H endorsement before February 7, 2022...

The driver is not required to complete entry-level driver training for the previously-issued license or endorsement, even if it has since lapsed.

A driver holds a CLP that was issued before February 7, 2022, but the CLP expires before the driver applies for his or her CDL...

The driver must complete the required entry-level driver training.

A driver obtains a CLP on or after February 7, 2022...

The driver must complete the required entry-level driver training.

A driver held a CDL prior to the compliance date, and applies for an upgrade to a higher class of CDL, or an S, P, or H endorsement for the first time on or after February 7, 2022...

The driver must complete the required entry-level driver training for the class of CDL to which the driver is upgrading or the endorsement(s) for which the driver is applying.

**ELDT EXCEPTIONS.** The ELDT regulations do not apply to individuals that are not required to have a CDL as outlined in 49 CFR part 383, or for whom the state has waived the CDL skills test.

## What must drivers do to meet the ELDT requirements?

### Complete training with a registered training provider

Entry-level drivers must select a training provider that is listed on the Training Provider Registry. Only registered training providers will be able to submit certification of a driver's completion of entry-level driver training to the Training Provider Registry.

### When am I eligible to take my CDL skills or knowledge test?

Training must be completed before taking a CDL skills test or, if the driver is applying for the H endorsement, the knowledge test.

*If the State Driver Licensing Agency cannot electronically verify that these requirements are met, the State is not permitted to administer the CDL skills or knowledge test to the driver.*



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